CA2 ALID 20
S73
1956 (FEB)

ALBERTA LEGISLATURE LIBRARY
3 3398 00412 9721

February 1956

summary of GENERAL STATISTICS

Dec 55

BUREAU OF STATISTICS
DEPARTMENT OF
INDUSTRIES AND LABOUR

HON. R. REIERSON — MINISTER

J. E. OBERHOLTZER — DEPUTY MINISTER

DOMINION BUREAU OF STATISTICS
FEB 20 1956
PROPERTY OF THE LIBRARY

LEGISLATURE LIBRARY
APR 16 2015
EDMONTON

PROVINCE OF
ALBERTA

Compiled from original sources in the Statistics Division,
Extension Service, Alberta Department of Agriculture.

MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

WHEAT:

The four major wheat exporting countries estimate that on or about December 1, 1955, they held 2,157.4 million bushels of wheat for export and carryover, some 8 per cent greater than the 1,997.9 million available a year ago. Supplies by countries, including on-farm stocks, in millions of bushels (with last years' figures in brackets) were: United States, 1,239.6 (1,196.1); Canada, 748.3 (648.0); Australia, 91.6 (93.5); and Argentina, 77.9 (60.3).

Exports of wheat and flour in terms of wheat from the four major export countries for the months August to November, 1955, inclusive were 223.9 million bushels, 9 per cent below the 244.8 million exported in the same period in 1954. Canadian exports decreased from 97.5 to 79.5 million bushels. Comparable exports to other countries, in millions of bushels were: United States, a decrease from 75.3 to 71.3; Argentina, a decrease from 45.2 to 43.4; and Australia, an increase from 26.8 to 29.7.

LIVE STOCK:

Canadian exports of live stock to the United States in 1955 (with 1954 figures in brackets) included: slaughter cattle, 10,882 (34,083); feeder cattle, 5,972 (13,421); dairy and purebred cattle, 39,444 (31,735); calves, 4,565 (3,967); hogs, 7,858 (22,126); and sheep, 8,368 (2,250).

Exports of dressed meats to all countries were: beef, 9,756,717 pounds, a decrease of 50 per cent from the previous year; pork, 55,937,653 pounds, a decrease of less than one per cent; and mutton and lamb, 290,458 pounds compared with 53,183 in 1954.

Slaughterings of imported stock (in Ontario and Quebec) in 1955 included 4,646 cattle, 217 calves and 18,885 sheep and lambs.

The numbers of live stock shipped from Winnipeg and points west, direct for feeding in Eastern Canada in 1955 (with 1954 figures in brackets) were: cattle, 71,478 (63,578); calves, 40,491 (33,432); hogs, 63 (59); and sheep, 17,552 (15,544).

The number of cattle, sheep and hogs on farms in Alberta at December 1, 1955, increased as compared to numbers shown on the same date in 1954. Details follow:

	December 1.		1955 as per cent of 1954
	1954	1955	
Total Cattle	1,868,000	1,970,000	105
Bulls	39,000	39,000	100
Cows for Milk	306,000	309,000	101
Cows for Beef	565,000	602,000	107
Heifers for Milk	77,000	75,000	97
Heifers for Beef	159,000	155,000	97
Steers	166,000	200,000	120
Calves	556,000	590,000	106
Total Sheep and Lambs	377,000	392,000	104
Sheep over one year	226,800	232,000	103
Lambs	150,200	160,000	107
Total Hogs	1,530,000	1,590,000	104
Under six months	1,000,000	960,000	96
Over six months	530,000	630,000	119

DAIRYING:

In the month of December, 1955, butterfat receipts at Alberta creameries totalled 1,553,000 pounds compared to 1,435,000 pounds for December, 1954, an increase of 8.2 per cent.

POULTRY:

The average number of laying hens on farms in Alberta for December, 1955, was estimated at 3,830,000 compared to 4,087,000 in December, 1954. Production per hen for the month increased from 13.2 in 1954 to 13.7 in 1955. Total egg production on farms decreased from 4,458,000 dozen to 4,346,000 dozen.

FARM DELIVERIES AND INCOME FROM GRAIN IN ALBERTA

BASED ON COUNTRY ELEVATOR RECEIPTS AND PRIVATE ELEVATOR AND PLATFORM LOADINGS.

	WHEAT		OATS		BARLEY		RYE		FLAX SEED	
	1954	1955	1954	1955	1954	1955	1954	1955	1954	1955
Deliveries and Loadings:					- thousands of bushels -					
Month of December	12,039	4,962	1,495	618	2,991	3,316	395	72	146	167
January - December	79,132	82,568	27,637	11,027	36,412	29,286	3,988	2,043	1,825	2,304
					- dollars per bushel -					
Estimated Returns per Bushel for Grain Delivered in December:	1.14[1]	1.12[1]	0.49[1]	0.45[1]	0.73[1]	0.66[1]	0.88[2]	0.79[3]	2.45[2]	3.14[3]
Estimated Total Cash Returns:					- thousands of dollars -					
Month of December	13,724	5,557	733	278	2,183	2,189	348	57	358	524
January - December	90,211	92,476	13,542	5,428	26,579	20,786	3,129	1,550	4,259	6,702
Canadian Wheat Board Adjustment Payments:										
Month of December	-	-	-	-	-	-				
January - December	13,778	6,631	1,073	1,631	3,043	4,131				
Total Receipts from Grain:										
Month of December	13,724	5,557	733	278	2,183	2,189	348	57	358	524
January - December	103,989	99,107	14,615	7,059	29,622	24,917	3,129	1,550	4,259	6,702

Total Income from Grain including Wheat Board Adjustment Payments:	1954	1955
Month of December	$ 17,346,000	8,605,000
January - December	$ 155,614,000	139,335,000

1. Estimated Canadian Wheat Board initial payments and adjustment payments on grain delivered between January 1, and July 31, 1955.
2. Final estimated price per bushel of the 1953 crop.
3. Average weekly Winnipeg cash closing quotations for 3 c.w. rye and 2 c.w. flaxseed respectively for December.

L I V E S T O C K P R I C E S I N A L B E R T A

DECEMBER, 1955, AND TWELVE MONTHS ENDING D E C E M B E R 31, 1955, AS COMPARED TO CORRESPONDING PERIODS IN 1954

	GOOD BUTCHER STEERS		GOOD FEEDER STEERS		GOOD BUTCHER LAMBS		B_1 HOGS dressed (without Bonus)	
	1954	1955	1954	1955	1954	1955	1954	1955
	- dollars per hundred pounds -							
Month of December:								
Calgary	18.86	17.56	15.97	15.38	17.52	16.32	23.54	20.15
Edmonton	18.02	16.56	14.54	14.05	17.75	16.90	23.99	20.69
Lethbridge	19.31	17.86	15.74	15.70	17.42	16.13	23.69	19.88
January - December:								
Calgary	18.56	18.25	16.09	16.62	19.45	18.02	28.76	21.86
Edmonton	17.91	17.91	14.92	15.63	19.88	18.55	29.33	22.26
Lethbridge	18.42	18.40	15.94	16.60	19.13	17.77	28.54	21.63

PRICE RELATIONSHIPS BETWEEN LIVE STOCK AND GRAIN: BASIS EDMONTON PRICES

Hog - Barley Ratio*

1933-53	1954	Nov. 1954	Nov. 1955	Dec. 1955
21.5	26.2	18.0	18.3	19.5

* Number of bushels of No. 1 feed barley that are equal in value to 100 lb. of Grade B_1 live hogs at Edmonton prices, plus federal government quality premium.

Live Stock Price Relationships*

	1933-53	1954	Nov. 1954	Nov. 1955	Dec. 1955
Good Steers - B_1 Hogs	85.1	82.5	103.3	110.9	103.4
Good Lambs - B_1 Hogs	90.2	89.4	94.0	105.3	105.5
Good Steers - Good Lambs	93.4	91.2	109.9	105.4	98.0

* Prices of 100 lb. good steers (or lambs) expressed as a percentage of the price of 100 lb. B_1 live hogs (federal government premium included) or good lambs.

LIVE STOCK MARKETING IN ALBERTA

DECEMBER AND TWELVE-MONTH PERIOD ENDING D E C E M B E R 31, 1955, AS COMPARED WITH CORRESPONDING PERIODS IN 1954

Receipts of Public Stockyards & Packing Plants:	CATTLE 1954	CATTLE 1955	CALVES 1954	CALVES 1955	SHEEP AND LAMBS 1954	SHEEP AND LAMBS 1955	HOGS 1954	HOGS 1955
					- number of head -			
Month of December	56,427	52,077	12,494	12,136	12,801	15,588	192,334	164,541
January - December	561,647	584,745	132,496	133,821	122,225	147,350	1,461,770	1,685,887
Shipments to Country Points from Yards & Plants:								
Month of December	12,322	11,831	4,718	4,039	832	2,254	-	-
January - December	93,959	106,905	25,269	26,568	13,955	13,835	-	-
Net Marketings at Public Stockyards and Packing Plants:								
Month of December	44,105	40,246	7,776	8,097	11,969	13,334	192,334	164,541
January - December	467,688	477,840	107,227	107,253	108,270	133,515	1,461,770	1,685,887
Slaughterings at Uninspected Establishments:								
Month of December	2,331	2,478	854	1,009	183	173	2,117	3,187
January - December	27,581	26,938	9,301	9,549	2,206	2,111	25,910	28,334
Total Net Live Stock Marketings:								
Month of December	46,436	42,724	8,630	9,106	12,152	13,507	194,451	167,728
January - December	495,269	504,778	116,528	116,802	110,476	135,626	1,487,680	1,714,221
Estimated Value of Live Stock Marketed:					- dollars -			
Month of December	$ 5,789,000	5,148,000	406,000	408,000	192,000	193,000	7,300,000	5,077,000
January - December	$ 67,132,000	70,494,000	5,507,000	5,808,000	1,974,000	2,317,000	68,896,000	59,365,000

Estimated Total Income from the Sale of Live Stock:

	1954	1955
Month of December	$ 13,687,000	10,826,000
January - December	$ 143,509,000	137,984,000

Digitized by the Internet Archive
in 2019 with funding from
Legislative Assembly of Alberta - Alberta Legislature Library

https://archive.org/details/summaryofgeneral00albe_40

FARM SALES AND CASH INCOME FROM DAIRY PRODUCTS (NOVEMBER AND JANUARY-NOVEMBER) AND POULTRY PRODUCTS (DECEMBER AND JANUARY-DECEMBER) FOR ALBERTA 1954 and 1955

DAIRY PRODUCTS:	FARM SALES				FARM CASH INCOME			
	NOVEMBER		JANUARY-NOVEMBER		NOVEMBER		JANUARY-NOVEMBER	
	1954	1955	1954	1955	1954	1955	1954	1955
	- thousands of pounds -				- thousands of dollars -			
Butterfat for Creamery Butter	1,371	1,383	23,691	24,407	843	838	14,057	14,539
Dairy Butter	5.4	3.6	61.4	47.6	3	2	35	27
Milk for Cheese Making	1,309	1,122	27,071	22,484	32	27	641	516
Milk for Concentration, Ice Cream and for Fluid Cream Sales*	10,343	9,785	129,006	136,591	287	289	3,556	3,755
Milk for Fluid Sales	17,274	17,879	188,498	200,146	802	828	8,708	9,184
TOTAL VALUE					$ 1,967	1,984	26,997	28,021

* Ice cream and fluid cream converted to milk basis.

POULTRY PRODUCTS:	DECEMBER		JANUARY-DECEMBER		DECEMBER		JANUARY-DECEMBER	
	1954	1955	1954	1955	1954	1955	1954	1955
	- dozen -				- dollars -			
Eggs Received at Registered Grading Stations*	1,646,000	1,484,000	15,905,000	16,428,000	451,000	672,000	4,803,000	5,227,000
Poultry Marketed through Registered Stations*	5,863,000	3,740,000	11,217,000	12,580,000	1,495,000	1,268,000	2,846,000	3,740,000
TOTAL VALUE EGGS AND POULTRY					$ 1,946,000	1,940,000	7,649,000	8,967,000

* In 1953, 56.1 per cent of Alberta eggs and 35.4 per cent of the poultry meat marketed were sold through registered stations.

SUMMARY OF GENERAL STATISTICS

Compiled by

ALBERTA BUREAU OF STATISTICS, DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIES AND LABOUR

MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES ALLIED TO AGRICULTURE

DECEMBER AND TWELVE MONTH PERIOD ENDING D E C E M B E R 31, 1955, AS COMPARED WITH CORRESPONDING PERIODS IN 1954

			1954 (Jan. - Dec.)	1955 (Jan. - Dec.)	12 Months Inc. or (-) Dec.	1954 (December)	1955 (December)	1 Month Inc. or (-) Dec.
					%			%
Flour Mills (7 Firms) -	Gross Sales	$.	27,998,803	19,087,552	- 30.8	2,268,521	1,292,149	- 43.0
	Production	Barrels.	2,914,950	2,865,049	- 1.7	228,461	201,173	- 11.9
		Value $.	27,802,111	26,236,466	- 5.6	2,129,207	1,822,313	- 14.4
Creamery Butter (1) -	Production	Lbs.	30,369,430*	31,332,376*	3.2	1,480,492*	1,583,877	7.0
		Value $.	17,613,353	18,138,834	3.0	893,138	926,568	3.7
Factory Cheese (1) -	Production	Lbs.	2,579,623	2,150,975	- 16.6	118,831	108,043	- 9.1
		Value $.	864,173	699,068	- 19.1	39,214	35,114	- 10.5
Dairy Factories -	Gross Sales	$.	30,545,731	31,812,970	4.1	2,838,314	2,796,265	- 1.5
Packing Plants -	Gross Sales	$.	119,509,954	126,269,707	5.7	9,465,205	9,538,490	.8
	Production	Meat Lbs.	316,211,503	355,088,914	12.3	29,404,565	29,560,298	.5
		Value $.	89,808,333	88,715,274	- 1.2	7,230,532	6,448,732	- 10.8
	Exports	Meat Lbs.	153,866,148	186,262,431	21.1	13,909,006	13,702,244	- 1.5
		Value $.	43,688,469	46,682,408	6.9	3,420,225	2,989,830	- 12.6

* Revised

(1) Source: Dairy Branch, Alberta Department of Agriculture.

MINERALS AND ALLIED INDUSTRIES - ALBERTA

DECEMBER AND TWELVE MONTH PERIOD ENDING D E C E M B E R 31, 1955, AS COMPARED WITH CORRESPONDING PERIODS IN 1954

			1954 (Jan. - Dec.)	1955 (Jan. - Dec.)	12 Months Inc. or (-) Dec.	1954 (December)	1955 (December)	1 Month Inc. or (-) Dec.
					%			%
Coal (1)	Production	Tons	4,859,136	4,456,578	- 8.3	529,861	641,644	21.1
		Value $.	26,349,275	23,486,399	- 10.9	2,921,066	3,373,178	15.5
Salt	Production	Tons	31,568	41,957	32.9	3,048	3,906	28.1
Petroleum Products Refined	Gross Sales	$.	125,307,978	144,479,762	15.3	9,353,414	10,516,947	12.4
Propane	Production	Gallons.	16,610,523	27,929,237	68.1	1,488,512	2,688,892	80.6
	Sales	Gallons.	16,780,058	23,447,084	39.7	1,524,623	2,624,921	72.2
Butane	Production	Gallons.	7,683,282	17,287,988	125.0	678,237	1,574,151	132.1
	Sales	Gallons.	6,586,532	14,413,224	118.8	673,499	1,525,802	126.5
Sulphur	Production	Tons	22,320	29,094	30.3	2,555	3,315	29.7
	Sales	Tons	18,663	25,977	39.2	1,486	1,301	- 12.4
Clay Products	Gross Sales	$.	2,891,258	3,127,643	8.2	260,361	221,428	- 15.0
Cement & Cement Products	Gross Sales	$.	16,589,518	16,550,014	- .2	1,039,957	1,061,029	2.0
Cement	Production	Barrels.	3,002,600	2,795,910	- 6.9	214,190	99,375	- 53.6
		Value $.	7,677,852	6,964,331	- 9.3	582,597	247,444	- 57.5
Lime	Gross Sales	$.	633,752	708,043	11.7	52,592	48,505	- 7.8
	Production	Tons	31,206*	38,025*	21.9	2,546	2,682	5.3
		Value $.	475,474*	519,298*	9.2	33,435	31,516	- 5.7

* Amended.

(1) SOURCE: Mines Division, Department of Mines and Minerals, Alberta.

MINERALS AND ALLIED INDUSTRIES - ALBERTA

NOVEMBER AND ELEVEN MONTH PERIOD ENDING N O V E M B E R 30, 1955, AS COMPARED WITH CORRESPONDING PERIODS IN 1954

		1954 (Jan. - Nov.)	1955 (Jan. - Nov.)	11 Months Inc. or (-) Dec.	1954 (November)	1955 (November)	1 Month Inc. or (-) Dec.
				%			%
Petroleum	(1) Production-Barrels	79,028,262	102,218,247	29.3	7,365,578	10,623,050	44.2
	Value of Sales $.	206,572,612	247,994,596	20.1	18,565,237	25,312,611	36.3
Natural Gas	(1) Production- M.C.F.	121,229,171	148,322,175	22.3	12,321,446	18,638,386	51.3
Petroleum - Crude (Revised Series)	(2) Imports Barrels	1,562,529	1,763,451	12.9	168,126	152,413	- 9.3
	Exports Barrels	63,871,160	80,615,682	26.2	6,266,383	7,924,530	26.5
Petroleum Products Refined	(2) Production-Barrels	17,965,327	20,078,466	11.8	1,682,325	1,854,963#	10.3
	Imports Barrels	329,650	281,715	- 14.5	18,602	16,369	- 12.0
	Exports Barrels	4,092,637	4,418,786	8.0	341,271	409,867	20.1
Natural Gasoline & Naphtha	(1) Production-Barrels	608,145	780,671	28.4	62,435	84,865	35.9
	Value of Sales $.	1,781,648*	2,217,666	24.5	175,837*	250,203	42.3

(1) Source: Alberta Oil and Gas Industry, November, 1955, Petroleum and Natural Gas Conservation Board.
(2) Source: Fuel Oil Tax Branch, Department of Provincial Secretary, Alberta.

* Value of naphtha for 1954, not included.

\# Composed of 1,021,133 bbls. gasoline; 400,574 bbls. diesel fuel; 18,683 bbls. kerosene; 414,573 bbls. other fuel.

G E N E R A L S T A T I S T I C S - A L B E R T A

DECEMBER AND TWELVE MONTH PERIOD ENDING D E C E M B E R 31, 1955, AS COMPARED WITH CORRESPONDING PERIODS IN 1954

	1954 (Jan. - Dec.)	1955 (Jan. - Dec.)	12 Months Inc. or (-) Dec.	1954 (December)	1955 (December)	1 Month Inc. or (-) Dec.
			%			%
Forestry (Crown Lands) - Production Lumber-ft.b.m.	365,900,000	430,000,000	17.5	47,000,000	60,000,000	27.7
Value $.	14,636,000	17,200,000	17.5	1,880,000	2,400,000	27.7
Total Value of Lumber & Other Forestry Products $.	18,236,000	21,300,000	16.8	2,384,000	2,960,000	24.2
Fur (Wild Life) - Trapped No. of Pelts	1,270,049	1,766,876	39.1	203,444	103,023	- 49.4
Value $.	1,190,886	2,136,851	79.4	149,037	92,385	- 38.0
Life Insurance Sales - $.	154,996,000	194,448,000	25.5	13,934,000	19,440,000	39.5
	1954 (Jan. - Dec.)	1955 (Jan. - Dec.)	12 Months Inc. or (-) Dec.	1955 (January)	1956 (January)	1 Month Inc. or (-) Dec.
			%			%
Bank Clearings $	4,584,251,823	5,466,450,045	19.2	397,407,376	530,913,527	33.6

NOVEMBER AND ELEVEN MONTH PERIOD ENDING N O V E M B E R 30, 1955, AS COMPARED WITH CORRESPONDING PERIODS IN 1954

	1954 (Jan. - Nov.)	1955 (Jan. - Nov.)	11 Months Inc. or (-) Dec.	1954 (November)	1955 (November)	1 Month Inc. or (-) Dec.
			%			%
Bank Debits (1) Value $.	8,240,854,000	9,029,792,000	9.6	812,674,000	1,030,152,000	26.8
New Motor Vehicles - Gross Sales (2) No.	28,677	34,126	19.0	1,923	2,460	27.9
Value $.	74,252,000	92,113,000	24.1	5,127,000	7,061,000	37.7
Customs' Duty Receipts $.	13,151,507	14,448,599	9.9	1,230,134	1,588,542	29.1
Electric Power - Consumption (3) K.W.Hrs.	1,353,044,000	1,549,206,000	14.5	136,328,000	171,129,000	25.5

(1) Source: Cheques cashed in Clearing Centres, Vol. 32, No. 11, Dominion Bureau of Statistics.
(2) Source: New Motor Vehicles Sales and Motor Vehicles Financing, Vol. XXVII, No. 11, Dominion Bureau of Statistics.
(3) Source: Central Electric Stations, Vol. 23, No. 11, 1955, Dominion Bureau of Statistics.

C O N S T R U C T I O N - A L B E R T A

DECEMBER AND TWELVE MONTH PERIOD ENDING D E C E M B E R 31, 1955, AS COMPARED WITH CORRESPONDING PERIODS IN 1954

		1954 (Jan. - Dec.)	1955 (Jan. - Dec.)	12 Months Inc. or (-) Dec.	1954 (December)	1955 (December)	1 Month Inc. or (-) Dec.
BUILDING PERMITS:				%			%
CALGARY	Number	4,093	4,845	18.4	212	113	- 46.7
	Value $.	46,729,742	58,896,348	26.0	2,727,258	2,261,550	- 17.1
EDMONTON	Number	7,699	7,437	- 3.4	171	112	- 34.5
	Value $.	68,329,716	58,718,696	- 14.1	1,896,246	859,976	- 54.6
LETHBRIDGE	Number	821	775	- 5.6	35	26	- 25.7
	Value $.	9,028,681	6,339,571	- 29.8	206,650	171,231	- 17.1
MEDICINE HAT	Number	467	429	- 8.1	7	7	-
	Value $.	2,418,349	22,266,810	820.7	4,300	37,200	765.1
RED DEER	Number	379	352	- 7.1	17	9	- 47.1
	Value $.	3,780,350	4,166,763	10.2	479,000	76,800	- 84.0
DRUMHELLER	Number	63	54	- 14.3	1	-	-
	Value $.	311,773	238,448	- 23.5	250	-	-
WETASKIWIN	Number	133	61	- 54.1	1	-	-
	Value $.	621,030	369,725	- 40.5	600	-	-
CAMROSE	Number	163	128	- 21.5	9	1	- 88.9
	Value $.	1,550,980	1,542,245	- .6	103,725	1,000	- 99.0
TOTAL (8 CITIES)	NUMBER	13,818	14,081	1.9	453	268	- 40.8
	VALUE $.	132,770,621	152,538,606	14.9	5,418,029	3,407,757	- 37.1
TOTAL (169 Towns & Villages)	VALUE $.	14,871,135	23,724,881*	59.5	376,280	632,105	68.0

		1954 (Jan. - Dec.)	1955 (Jan. - Dec.)	12 Months Inc. or (-) Dec.	1954 (December)	1955 (December)	1 Month Inc. or (-) Dec.
CONTRACTS AWARDED - ALBERTA: (1)				%			%
RESIDENTIAL	Number	5,648	7,493	32.7	486	303	- 37.7
	Value $.	58,595,300	74,351,100	26.9	5,283,300	3,858,200	- 27.0
BUSINESS	Number	807	786	- 2.6	79	55	- 30.4
	Value $.	86,401,400	65,345,000	- 24.4	6,434,600	2,943,900	- 54.2
INDUSTRIAL	Number	87	76	- 12.6	8	6	- 25.0
	Value $.	24,476,200	39,611,800	61.8	218,400	3,583,000	1,540.6
ENGINEERING	Number	279	277	- .7	12	19	58.3
	Value $.	49,732,100	51,001,800	2.6	467,700	323,100	- 30.9
TOTAL	NUMBER	6,821	8,632	26.6	585	383	- 34.5
	VALUE $.	219,205,000	230,309,700	5.1	12,404,000	10,708,200	- 13.7

* Revised.

(1) SOURCE: Building Reporter, January, 1956, Published by Maclean Building Reports Limited.

VISITORS TO NATIONAL PARKS & RESERVES - ALBERTA

ONE MONTH PERIOD ENDING JANUARY 31, 1956, AS COMPARED WITH CORRESPONDING PERIOD IN 1955, WITH TWELVE MONTHS FIGURES FOR PREVIOUS YEARS.

	1954 (Jan. - Dec.)	1955 (Jan. - Dec.)	12 Months Inc. or (-) Dec.	1955 (January)	1956 (January)	1 Month Inc. or (-) Dec.
			%			%
Banff	641,911	679,772	5.9	21,222	14,474	- 31.8
Elk Island	153,632	174,406	13.5	750	900	20.0
Jasper	120,891	154,113	27.5	236	308	30.5
Waterton Lakes	219,621	226,078	2.9	-	-	-
TOTAL	1,136,055	1,234,369	8.7	22,208	15,682	- 29.4

(1) AUTOMOBILES ENTERING CUSTOMS' STATIONS FOR TOURING PURPOSES - ALBERTA

DECEMBER AND TWELVE MONTH PERIOD ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1955, AS COMPARED WITH CORRESPONDING PERIODS IN 1954

	1954 (Jan. - Dec.)	1955 (Jan. - Dec.)	12 Months Inc. or (-) Dec.	1954 (December)	1955 (December)	1 Month Inc. or (-) Dec.
			%			%
Aden	380	414	8.9	33	36	9.1
Carway	16,790	22,283	32.7	222	295	32.9
Chief Mountain	11,363	12,234	7.7	-	-	-
Coutts	39,012	48,261	23.7	1,856	2,230	20.2
Del Bonita	1,469	1,417	- 3.5	120	112	- 6.7
Wild Horse	792	924	16.7	40	21	-47.5
TOTAL	69,806	85,533	22.5	2,271	2,694	18.6

(1) Source: Travel between Canada and the United States - Dominion Bureau of Statistics.

W H O L E S A L E T R A D E - T R E N D S - A L B E R T A

DECEMBER AND TWELVE MONTH PERIOD ENDING D E C E M B E R 31, 1955, AS COMPARED WITH CORRESPONDING PERIODS IN 1954

	1954 (Jan. - Dec.)	1955 (Jan. - Dec.)	12 Months Inc. or (-) Dec.	1954 (December)	1955 (December)	1 Month Inc. or (-) Dec.
BY TYPES:	$	$	%	$	$	%
Automotive Accessories, Equipment & Supplies	77,857,587	95,259,359	22.4	5,786,069	6,443,074	11.4
Boots and Shoes	2,862,680	3,957,325	38.2	249,964	226,466	- 9.4
Drugs	8,810,174	8,687,586	- 1.4	629,707	592,673	- 5.9
Dry Goods	11,963,390	13,210,930	10.4	701,462	871,974	24.3
Electrical Appliances and Radios	46,319,090	51,240,491	10.6	3,589,332	4,084,182	13.8
Florists	964,320	1,059,941	9.9	127,619	135,235	6.0
Furniture	3,070,677	3,280,402	6.8	240,616	280,513	16.6
Groceries (including Fruits and Vegetables)	157,644,107	165,450,068	5.0	13,474,612	14,043,371	4.2
Hardware	70,871,275	72,826,884	2.8	5,244,571	4,893,876	- 6.7
Lumber and Building Supplies	52,116,830	59,655,972	14.5	3,436,237	3,520,482	2.5
Machinery, Agricultural	32,285,623	34,559,234	7.0	619,096	449,471	- 27.4
Machinery, Other	18,756,054	20,460,805	9.1	997,509	1,308,410	31.2
Paints and Varnishes	8,141,038	8,659,974	6.4	479,360	438,113	- 8.6
Paper	8,846,784	9,242,158	4.5	724,330	724,840	.1
Tobacco	20,229,498	20,548,999	1.6	1,911,563	1,654,098	- 13.5
Oilfield Supplies	11,046,683	14,233,001	28.8	938,053	1,298,447	38.4
Carbonated Beverages	12,799,573	12,710,699	- .7	1,303,996	1,114,555	- 14.5
Miscellaneous	57,387,030	61,947,004	7.9	4,912,261	4,796,194	- 2.4
T O T A L	601,972,413	656,990,832	9.1	45,366,357	46,875,974	3.3
BY LOCATIONS:						
Calgary	140,597,097	150,631,108	7.1	10,876,038	10,423,809	- 4.2
Edmonton	149,166,671	161,489,125	8.3	11,395,818	12,058,454	5.8
Lethbridge	13,451,727	13,488,824	.3	824,337	750,648	- 8.9
Medicine Hat	2.037,377	2,301,987	13.0	212,525	275,244	29.5
Smaller Centres	9,377,373	10,833,598	15.5	695,725	822,563	18.2
Major Cities - Not distributable by location	287,342,168	318,246,190	10.8	21,361,914	22,545,256	5.5
T O T A L	601,972,413	656,990,832	9.1	45,366,357	46,875,974	3.3

The above figures may be considered as more indicative of trends of business in the various lines and for the various locations than of actual volume of business.

R E T A I L T R A D E - A L B E R T A

NOVEMBER AND ELEVEN MONTH PERIOD ENDING N O V E M B E R 30, 1955, AS COMPARED WITH CORRESPONDING PERIODS IN 1954

	1954 (Jan. - Nov.)	1955 (Jan. - Nov.)	11 Months Inc. or (-) Dec.	1954 (November)	1955 (November	1 Month Inc. or (-) Dec.
T O T A L - RETAIL TRADE	$ 837,749,000(a)	$ 889,431,000	% 6.2	$ 81,892,000(a)	$ 85,427,000	% 4.3
Grocery and Combination Stores	124,198,000	127,139,000	2.4	12,062,000	12,264,000	1.7
Other Food and Beverage Stores	52,337,000	52,128,000	- .4	4,763,000	4,606,000	- 3.3
General Stores	50,123,000	49,672,000	- .9	4,929,000	4,929,000	-
Department Stores	88,612,000	97,906,000	10.5	10,792,000	12,767,000	18.3
Variety Stores	9,983,000	11,162,000	11.8	1,176,000	1,352,000	15.0
Motor Vehicle Dealers	165,115,000	191,410,000	15.9	13,210,000	14,280,000	8.1
Garage and Filling Stations	49,255,000	50,201,000	1.9	3,588,000	3,351,000	- 6.6
Men's Clothing Stores	12,500,000	13,146,000	5.2	1,533,000	1,552,000	1.2
Family Clothing Stores	9,629,000	9,918,000	3.0	1,095,000	1,184,000	8.1
Women's Clothing Stores	15,873,000	15,579,000	- 1.9	1,547,000	1,352,000	- 12.6
Shoe Stores	4,549,000	4,800,000	5.5	425,000	438,000	3.1
Hardware Stores	21,990,000	22,651,000	3.0	2,163,000	2,095,000	- 3.1
Lumber and Building Material Dealers	48,327,000	49,030,000	1.5	5,471,000	4,752,000	- 13.1
Furniture, Appliances, Radio Stores	26,245,000	31,546,000	20.2	3,615,000	4,125,000	14.1
Restaurants	31,224,000	28,816,000	- 7.7	2,741,000	2,462,000	- 10.2
Fuel Dealers	505,000	482,000	- 4.6	73,000	102,000	39.7
Drug Stores	18,265,000	18,388,000	.7	1,600,000	1,551,000	- 3.1
Jewellery Stores	5,614,000	5,738,000	2.2	712,000	668,000	- 6.2
Miscellaneous	103,411,000	109,719,000	6.1	10,392,000	11,597,000	11.6

(a) Any slight differences between totals and their components are due to the rounding of the figures.

SOURCE: Retail Trade, Vol. XXVII, No. II, Dominion Bureau of Statistics.

LABOUR REVIEW

Alberta Summary for Period Ending 31 December, 1955

(Source: Labour Gazette, Volume 56, No. 1, January, 1956)

EMPLOYMENT in the Prairie Region remained unusually high during December. During the last half of the month employment decreased following a spell of exceptionally cold weather that curtailed most outdoor activities. In the construction industry, employment opportunities for unskilled workers declined sharply but few skilled tradesmen were laid off during the month. Manufacturing employment continued at notably higher levels than a year earlier, the sharpest year-to-year gains being recorded in the transportation equipment, non-metallic mineral and petroleum and coal products industries. The only sizeable layoff in manufacturing during the month occurred in the railway rolling stock industry, which released 175 workers because of a shortage of orders.

Eleven Prairie labour market areas were reclassified during the month. At January 1 the classification of the 20 areas in the region was as follows (last year's figures in brackets): in balance 3 (3); in moderate surplus 17 (16); in substantial surplus 0 (1).

CALGARY (metropolitan). Remained in Group 2 (substantial surplus). Heavy storms and subzero temperatures brought construction to a standstill during December but many contractors reported work would be resumed when temperatures moderated. Trade and service establishments showed the usual employment expansion in anticipation of a busy Christmas season; the local post office hired 830 workers. Most industries in the area maintained above-average employment levels.

EDMONTON (metropolitan). Reclassified from Group 3 to Group 2 (substantial surplus). Unskilled construction workers accounted for most of the increase in unemployment. Very few skilled workers were released as heating facilities enabled them to continue interior work during the cold weather. A shortage of woods workers developed at some camps following an upturn in lumbering and logging activities. Qualified auto mechanics, body men, stenographers, typists and bookkeepers were also in short supply.

EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLLS

The Dominion Bureau of Statistics collects monthly data from firms, usually having 15 or more employees. Data are requested for all classes of employees, irrespective of their functions in the business; statistics for the owners are not included. Employees engaged in agriculture, government, and educational services are excluded. Wages represent gross earnings before deductions for unemployment insurance, taxes, pension funds, etc., are made. They also include the cost-of-living bonus, and any other bonuses made at frequent intervals. They exclude value of board and lodging, employers contributions to unemployment insurance, workmen's compensation and pension and welfare funds as well as bonuses paid at irregular or infrequent intervals such as annual bonuses and retirement gratuities. The following tables compare the employment and wage situation at the 31st of December, 1955, with that existing one year earlier in the main non-agricultural industries of the province of Alberta. Figures for the cities of Calgary and Edmonton are shown as well.

EMPLOYMENT AND AVERAGE WEEKLY WAGES AND SALARIES, ALBERTA, BY INDUSTRIES

At N O V E M B E R 1, 1955, As Compared with Corresponding Date in 1954

	Index Numbers (1949 = 100) Employment		Average Weekly Wages and Salaries		Employees Reported
	Nov. 1 1954	Nov. 1 1955	Nov. 1 1954 $	Nov. 1 1955 $	Nov. 1 1955
Mining	114.8	121.1	79.36	84.93	18,849
Coal	53.2	42.7	65.55	72.20	3,447
Oil	196.2	224.8	83.33	87.64	14,025
Manufacturing	130.7	141.4	62.55	64.72	28,508
Foods and Beverages	122.2	124.2	60.30	62.46	9,131
Meat Products	122.3	126.2	65.47	69.56	4,008
Wood Products	101.9	104.9	48.37	51.54	2,795
Printing, Publishing and Allied Industries	102.8	115.7	60.15	60.88	1,290
Iron and Steel Products	152.4	160.2	70.24	70.66	2,971
Transportation Equipment	131.4	146.7	64.06	61.34	4,338
Non-Metallic Mineral Products (j)	135.3	155.5	61.16	64.23	2,446
Products of Petroleum and Coal	138.7	164.3	80.45	90.25	1,526
Construction	213.1	207.8	67.56	71.38	23,101
Buildings and Structures (k)	220.1	242.3	69.71	75.42	14,881
Highways, Bridges and Streets	204.4	165.2	64.68	64.08	8,220
Transportation, Storage, Communication	114.3	117.0	64.64	65.01	24,287
Steam Railways	102.4	99.5	67.17	66.17	13,310
Electric and Motor Transportation (p)	136.2	147.4	67.83	69.48	3,800
Storage	110.1	111.6	54.00	56.18	2,605
Trade	129.5	141.2	52.16	54.30	28,240
Wholesale	127.9	137.5	57.71	60.50	9,424
Retail	130.3	143.2	49.32	51.20	18,816
Service	124.8	136.2	40.12	40.93	7,990
Hotels and Restaurants	117.8	128.7	39.13	39.97	5,280
Industrial Composite	133.6	139.5	62.21	64.67	140,738

(j) Abrasive, asbestos, hydraulic cement, clay, glass, lime and gypsum, stone, concrete and miscellaneous non-metallic products.
(k) Buildings and structures, other construction, and special trade contractors.
(p) Interurban bus and coach and urban and suburban transportation systems; taxi-cab and truck transportation; service incidental to transportation, and other transportation.

Source: Employment and Payrolls, November, 1955
Prepared in the
Employment Section of the Labour and Prices Division, Dominion Bureau of Statistics, Ottawa.

EMPLOYMENT AND WAGES (Continued)

Employment, and Average Weekly Wages and Salaries, CALGARY and EDMONTON, By Industries

At N O V E M B E R 1, 1955, As Compared with Corresponding Date in 1954

	Index Numbers (1949 = 100) Employment		Average Weekly Wages and Salaries		Employees Reported
	Nov. 1 1954	Nov. 1 1955	Nov. 1 1954	Nov. 1 1955	Nov. 1 1955
			$	$	
CALGARY:					
Manufacturing	122.8	135.3	64.59	64.72	10,116
Foods and Beverages	112.9	119.4	63.61	65.38	2,996
Transportation Equipment	122.7	135.8	63.99	60.43	2,483
Construction	209.4	222.3	67.91	64.87	4,411
Wholesale Trade	121.5	128.1	58.18	60.72	3,988
Retail Trade	129.2	141.9	51.12	54.48	7,142
Industrial Composite	137.8	147.4	59.83	60.93	36,105
EDMONTON:					
Manufacturing	146.6	157.1	63.11	66.49	11,666
Foods and Beverages	124.7	123.5	60.85	64.25	3,743
Meat Products	128.0	129.2	63.12	66.80	2,645
Construction	212.6	216.2	72.43	71.58	8,608
Wholesale Trade	143.3	159.8	57.36	60.53	4,057
Retail Trade	134.2	148.8	48.74	49.70	8,648
Industrial Composite	155.2	165.1	59.69	61.11	42,046

SOURCE: Employment and Payrolls, November, 1955
Prepared in the
Employment Section of the Labour and Prices Division, Dominion Bureau of Statistics, Ottawa.

AVERAGE HOURS AND EARNINGS OF HOURLY-RATED WAGE-EARNERS IN SPECIFIED INDUSTRIES - ALBERTA

At N O V E M B E R 1, 1955, as Compared with Corresponding Date in 1954

	Average Hours		Average Hourly Earnings		Average Weekly Wages		Wage Earners Reported
	Nov. 1 1954	Nov. 1 1955	Nov. 1 1954	Nov. 1 1955	Nov. 1 1954	Nov. 1 1955	Nov. 1 1955
			¢	¢	$	$	
Coal Mining	35.5	38.8	181.4	184.7	64.40	71.66	2,742
Oil and Natural Gas Production	44.8	46.4	173.0	177.9	77.50	82.55	4,645
Manufacturing	41.3	41.0	147.4	151.7	60.88	62.20	20,336
Foods and Beverages	41.2	41.0	140.1	145.3	57.72	59.57	6,371
Meat Products	39.4	39.8	157.4	165.6	62.02	65.91	2,845
Transportation Equipment	41.2	38.7	153.9	152.6	63.41	59.06	3,458
Buildings and Structures (h)	41.6	42.0	163.9	177.7	68.18	74.63	11,650
Electric and Motor Transportation (i)	41.5	40.7	149.7	154.6	62.13	62.92	2,100
Services (j)	40.3	39.2	92.0	94.0	37.08	36.85	4,518

SOURCE: Man Hours and Hourly Earnings, N vember, 1955
Prepared in the
Employment Section of the Labour and Prices Division, Dominion Bureau of Statistics, Ottawa.

(h) Buildings and structures; other construction; special trade contractors.
(i) Interurban bus and coach and urban and suburban transportation systems; taxi-cab and truck transportation; service incidental to transportation; other transportation.
(j) Hotels and restaurants; launderies; dyeing; cleaning and pressing business and recreational services.